

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

My Desire.

Fate has given me many a gift
To which men must aspire,
Lovely, precious and costly things,
But not my heart's desire.

Many a man has a secret dream
Of where his soul would be;
Mine is low, veranda'd house,
In a tope beside the sea.

Over the roof tall palms should wave,
Swaying from side to side,
Every night we should fall asleep
To the rhythm of the tide.

The dawn should be gay with songs of birds,
And the air of fluttering wings;
Surely the joy of life is hid
In simple and tender things!

At eve the waves would shimmer with gold,
In the rosy sunset rays;
Emerald velvet flats of rice
Would rest the landward gaze.

A boat must rock at the lullaby steps
In a reef-protected pool,
For we should sail through the starlit night
When the winds were calm and cool.

I am so tired of all this world,
Of its folly and its care,
Find me a little scented home
Amongst thy luscious hair.

Give me a soft and secret place
Against thine amber breast,
Where, hidden away from all mankind,
My soul may come to rest.

Many a man has a secret dream
Of where his life would be;
Mine is a lovely, lonely place
With sunshine and the sea.

Continental Congress.

Two chapters, the Commonwealth and the Old Dominion, will be represented at the Continental Congress of the D. A. R. convening Monday, April 16th, in the Continental Hall, Washington, D. C. Mrs. B. L. Purcell and Miss Roberta Z. Allen will go from the Commonwealth. The Old Dominion will send Miss Lucy Clair Atkinson and Mrs. Katherine C. Jones.

There will be two sessions a day except on Saturday, the closing day. Monday will be devoted to seating delegations and getting through with the preliminaries of organization. The remainder of the week will be well filled with business and pleasure intermingled.

Tuesday afternoon the Daughters will make a specially conducted visit to the Library of Congress. Tuesday evening the bust presented to the Daughters by the French Ambassador, M. Jusserand, last spring, will be unveiled with impressive ceremonies at Continental Hall. Thursday afternoon "Patriots Day" will be observed. Commemorative exercises of the week will be held with business and pleasure intermingled.

Will Carleton will read a poem which he has specially written for the Daughters, entitled "The Day and the Daughters." Friday will be charter members' day.

The distinctly social features will be a reception by the president-general, Mrs. Donald McLean, which she will give in the ball-room of the New Willard on the evening of April 18th.

On Tuesday, April 18th, the President will receive the Daughters at the White House. As no officers will be elected this year, there will not be so much excitement as usual, but the "Montana matter" is expected to give interest to several of the Daughters in a contest among the Daughters in that State over their representation at Washington.

Barham—Dewey.
Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey, of Goldsboro, N. C., for the marriage of their daughter Hannah to Mr. J. Langhorne Barham, the ceremony to take place in St. Paul's Church Thursday, April 26th, at 4 P. M. Mr. Dewey is widely known and very popular in her section of the State.

Mr. Barham is a son of Hon. J. L. Barham, of Newsum, Va., and belongs to one of the oldest of Virginia families. He graduated at the University of North Carolina and, after that, State at his home, being associated with Colonel V. D. Torch in the practice of law in Goldsboro.

Birthday Party.
Friends of Miss Pearl Perry were entertained Wednesday night in her home, No. 182-1/2 Venable Street, in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

A very pleasant evening was spent with refreshments served at its close. Among those present were: Misses Pearl Perry, Maggie Bosher, Susie Hicks, May Rife, Fannie Prince, Lizzie York, Effie Crizer, Rosella Crizer, Gay Lynch, Etta Burton, Ellen Perry, Sadie Kitchen, Mabel Kay and Mabel Mitchell; Messrs. James York, George York, John York, Louise Johnson, Joe Haynes, Martin Taylor, Wilmer Kay, Eddie Dickerson, Lem Sutherland, James Proctor, Arthur Carter, Walter Luffey, Joe Mitchell, Eddie Taylor, Sam Taylor.

Club Meeting.
The Roanoke Times contains the following of a club meeting in which readers of The Times-Dispatch are interested. The Times says:

The Y. A. M. Club met at the residence of Mrs. Mark Jenney yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The quotations from "The Winter's Tale," the play now in hand, were well chosen. The first act, and a part of the second act were read and the first five questions, on "The Winter's Tale," given in last Sunday's Times-Dispatch, were discussed. Delicious refreshments, suitable for the spring season, were then served and after a discussion concerning the plays already read, and part of "The Winter's Tale" read. The club adjourned to meet at Mrs. Morrison's on next Tuesday afternoon.

As readers of The Times-Dispatch have noted for an account of the work of the Y. A. M. Club, the members have decided that it will be best to reiterate what has been heretofore published. At the beginning of each month a part is assigned each member and she keeps that part until the play is finished.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Newman—Koonz.
Captain and Mrs. George W. Koonz, of Woodstock, Va., have issued invitations.

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and Designs.

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Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

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A HOLY NATION.

By RICHARD REALF.

Richard Realf was born in England in 1834, of poor parents, and began writing poetry at an early age. His early work attracted the attention of Tennyson, Miss Stoddard, Miss J. M. Martineau, and others, and they secured the publication of his volume, "Quiescent at the Beautiful." He dabbled some in sculpture, and even studied scientific sciences. In 1854 he came to New York, where he wrote stories of all sorts, and assisted in establishing some institutions for the relief of the poor. He joined the first free soil party moving to Kansas, and was arrested. He was Brown's secretary of state. He was arrested in connection with the Harper's Ferry affair, enlisted in 1861, was wounded, taught a black school in South Carolina in 1867, and for years led a hand-to-mouth existence, all that time writing poetry, some of it of the most exquisite beauty. Family troubles resulted in his suicide in San Francisco about 1876.

LIBERTY run onward with the years,
And circle with the seasons; let her break
The tyrant's harshness, the oppressor's spears;
Bring ripened recompenses that shall make
Supreme amends for sorrow's long arrears;
Drop holy benison on hearts that ache;
Put clearer radiance into human eyes,
And set the glad earth singing to the skies.

Clean natures coin pure statutes. Let us cleanse
The hearts that beat within us; let us mow
Clear to the roots our falseness and pretense,
Trend down our rank ambitions, overthrow
Our braggart moods of puffed self-consequence,
Flourish our hideous thistles which do grow
Faster than maize in May time, and strike dead
The base infections our low greeds have fired.

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tions to the wedding reception of their daughter, Miss Ruth Koonz, and Mr. Wilber Lauck Newman, on Wednesday, the 18th of April, at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Newman is a son of Judge E. D. Newman, and is now connected with the Norfolk branch of the Security Life and Annuity Company of America. They will make their future home in Norfolk.

Davies—Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tompkins, of Washington, D. C., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Thornton, to Mr. Harry Thornton Davies, of Manassas, Va., Wednesday, April 25th, in Trinity Church at 7:30 P. M.

DeLong—Van Meter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Luckland announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Van Meter, to Rev. Charles L. DeLong, of Perry Hall, Md., to take place at their home, Letha, Botetourt county, Va., on Thursday, April 26th, at 8 o'clock.

Club Dance.

A club dance, given in Meadow Creek Country Club, near the University of Virginia, last week, under the direction of Miss Susan Howe, proved a delightful success.

A big tally-ho took guests to the club; at 11:30 a Dutch supper was served; at 2 o'clock the dancing ended. The following were: Mrs. Wilson Howe, Mrs. Munson, Misses Jane Nichols, Kathryn Olivier, Elizabeth Blanton, Lillie Jones, May Rowell, Louise Cator, Jane Humphreys, Lucy Sinclair, Marion Foster, Beale Plafast, and Messrs. Andrew Marvel, Beverly Brown, Ashby Williams, Hugh Davis, Ben Sinclair, John Kinnler, Jack Russell, Walker, Lankford, Pinner, Woods, St. Clair, James, Heth, Dr. Beverly Polard and Dr. John Sebastian Derr.

Ranney—Meade.

Friends in Virginia are interested at the news of the marriage on March 31st, in Topeka, Kan., of Miss Elizabeth Meade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meade, formerly of Winchester, but now of Topeka, to Mr. Walker Roy Ranney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ranney, of Topeka.

The Rev. Frank R. Millsap, bishop of Kansas, read the ceremony, and Miss Mary Meade, the bride's sister, directed the music. The bride and groom were unattended, and the former wore a travelling toilet of pale gray Panama cloth, made with a large collar and circular skirt, a white Elton jacket and circular skirt, a white Elton waist, a black picture hat and long black gloves. She carried an armful of long stemmed American Beauties and wore the groom's wedding gift, a beautiful pearl necklace.

The bride and groom, after a trip to New Orleans and Cuba, will make their future home at Arkansas City.

Personal Mention.

Miss Tyson, of Baltimore, and Miss Curtis, of Boston, who have recently been the guests of Miss Little Pleasant, are now visiting Miss Landon Rives at "Castle Hill," Albemarle county.

Mr. J. C. Walker is a guest at Hampton Terrace, Augusta, Ga., for several weeks.

Mrs. A. B. Hemingway was recently called to Pensacola, Fla., to be with her mother, Mrs. S. C. Bonifay, who was ill.

Miss Blanche Cadot gave a pleasant afternoon at "Health Culture" to the ladies at No. 115 East Franklin Street on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman Allan are now at the Hotel Alcazar, St. Augustine, Fla., to remain for some time. They have spent the last three months at the East Coast Hotel of Florida.

Mr. C. B. Sweeney is critically ill at his home, No. 523 West Marshall Street.

Mrs. James R. Hubbard, of Norfolk, gave an informal afternoon tea on Saturday last in honor of Miss Ellen Cullingsworth, of this city.

Miss Marjette Powers, of Scottsville, visited Richmond last week.

Miss Gasterville, of this city, who is the guest of friends in Norfolk, was among those present at a delightful card party given Thursday evening by Miss Lesley Jeffries, in honor of Miss Tilly Powell, of Emporia, Va.

Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, of Richmond, was among those invited to meet Miss Minnie Mickle, of Washington, State vice-regent, daughter of the American Revolution, at Philadelphia, at a tea given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Hugh N. Page in her home on Granby Street, Norfolk.

Miss Helen Anderson, of Blackstone, Va., is the guest of friends here.

Miss M. E. Williams, of this city, was recently registered at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Bradley is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Belden, at Marvin, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garland Whitehead recently paid a short visit to Norfolk.

Little Miss Page Taylor, daughter of Mr. Henry Taylor, of Ashland, is at the Shattering Arms Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. H. S. Saunders, who has been in

Richmond for some time, has returned to her home, "Upper Shirley."

Mr. F. W. Craigen, of this city, is in business in Clarksville, Va.

Miss Bessie Epps, of Salem, is expected to arrive in Richmond soon to visit friends.

Mrs. Nannie MacCandish has returned to her home in Saluda, after a visit to friends here.

Mr. Norman Daniel, of Richmond College, recently visited his parents in Scottsville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowe have returned from Asheville, N. C., where they spent the winter.

Miss Margaret Tucker is the guest of her brother, the Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, in Norfolk.

Mr. W. E. Roane recently visited his mother at Adner, Gloucester county, Va.

Miss Blanche Webb, who has been the guest of Miss Sue Gray, has returned to Norfolk.

Mrs. Frank S. Findlay, of Abingdon, Va., is the guest of friends here.

Mrs. Charles E. Straus, Jr., and her son, Charles Allen Straus, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Maurice Hirschler.

Mrs. Alexander Durvin and little daughter, Lucile, and Miss Emma Neiderland, of this city, are the guests of Mrs. Shepherd, in Columbia, Va.

Miss Beatrice Stewart has returned to her home in Hampton, after a visit to friends here.

Mrs. Randall and Miss Mamie Randall, of this city, will leave shortly for their summer home, in Amelia county, Fla.

Mrs. George Seay and son, of Blackstone, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. L. C. Shepard, of Aiche, Va., is in the city for medical treatment.

Miss Lottie Lee Davis, of No. 2600 Franklin Street, East, is with a house party at the Continental Hotel, Atlantic Beach, Fla.

DAMAGE BY FROST.

Will Not Cut Strawberry Crop More Than Five or Ten Per Cent.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 7.—Telegraphic advices from the Charlotte, Fruit and Truckers' Journal of this city from Chaffourn, Griggs, Whitwell, Rabar, Ashpole and Cerro Gordo, N. C., Loris Conway, Marion, Mullins, Florence, Lake City and Charleston, S. C., on the coast, Lane, Clarkston, Abbeville, Lumberton on the Seaboard Air Line Road; Currie, Atkinson, Parkersburg and Fayetteville, on the A. and Y. Railroad; Rocky Point, Burgaw, Wallace, Tench, Olive, Goldsboro, on the W. and W. Railroad; Kinston, La Grange, Newbern and Dover, on the A. and N. C. Railroad, all announce that the frosts of last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights did not damage the strawberry crop as a whole exceeding ten per cent. In many places the damage was so slight as to practically amount to nothing, and in only one or two places was it reported as much as ten per cent. A great majority of points reported the damage at five per cent, many others saying it was no damage at all.

This will be welcome news to the growers and shippers all over the district, and the commission merchants and consumers throughout the country, for North and South Carolina as well as Virginia strawberries are shipped to more than 37 of the 48 States in the Union. The cold snap of this week, however, has set the crop back fully a week, and shipments will barely begin now before about April 25th.

But from the greater movement on strawberries out of this territory over recorded in the history of the industry. This information we get from every part of the producing territory, and it comes from men who know nearest their own and who are familiar with the situation in detail. Commission merchants and dealers may therefore hold themselves in line and readiness for the "pumper" crop when shipments do begin. The fruit will be something new in its appearance, as the vines never looked more vigorous and healthy.

Real Estate Active.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KEYSVILLE, VA., April 8.—A good deal of real estate has changed hands here of late, and many more sales are in progress.

The recent lot adjoining Farmer Bros. store, which was bought a few days ago by the Bank of Keyville for \$1,000 cash. The brick store now used as a drug store was sold yesterday to Mr. C. M. Beasley.

There is a good inquiry for farms around town and a few good sales have been recently made.

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Mrs. H. S. Saunders, who has been in

OYAMA RETIRES AT OWN REQUEST



FIELD MARSHAL OYAMA.

Oyama Shatters Sword After Long Service

Famous Japanese General, Commander-in-Chief of Forces in Late War, Retires at His Own Request.

TOKIO, April 8.—Field Marshal Oyama, chief of the General Staff, is retiring after thirty-eight years of service at his own request, and General Baron Kodama, governor-general of the Island of Formosa, will be appointed chief of the General Staff. Lieutenant-General Sakuma will succeed General Kodama as governor-general of Formosa.

Field Marshal Oyama saw his first active service in 1868, when he joined his cousin, the Count Saigo, in leading the revolutionary movement which restored the present Emperor to the throne of his ancestors. He entered that war as a captain and was made a major

telling of the Mikado's empire under the heads of the geography, climate, race, population, history, literature, religions and morals and Christian missions. The address was extremely interesting and instructive to a large audience. After the service a number of the students gathered at the president's home, and for two hours were charmed by the interesting answers and comments of the genial Asiatic.

Mr. Sasakura will sail for home about June 1st, and on landing in Japan will take charge of the church at Yokohama, the oldest and largest in the empire.

HAMPODEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE MATTERS

Recent Rise to Prominence of Several of the School's Alumni.

COMMENCEMENT ORATORS

Japanese Student Speaks in College Chapel to a Large Audience.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., April 8.—The March issue of the Hampden-Sidney Magazine has just appeared. It contains several articles of more than usual interest. Two of these deal with large subjects—"Why Chinese Immigration Should Be Restricted" and "Russia—A Republic." Another deals with "Southwest Virginia," taking up the subject of her geography, railroads, water power, mineral springs, natural scenery and services in time of war. Several short stories, together with the usual departments, fill up the fifty-five pages of a very attractive number.

Information has recently reached the college of the rise to prominence of several of her alumni. Mr. Carter D. Johnston, for years a resident of Richmond and a paying guest in the home of Governor O'Ferrall, has just received the appointment as Assistant Attorney-General of the Philippines. Mr. Johnston, who is the son of Rev. L. B. Johnston, of South Boston, and a near kinsman of the Confederate general, Joseph E. Johnston, was a student here from 1891-1892. His being a member of the class of 1891. His many friends throughout Virginia will rejoice to learn of his success. He has been practicing law for some years in Manila.

Literary Societies.
Professor Henry A. Converse, an A. B. graduate of the class of 1893, has just been elected professor of mathematics in Davis and Elkins College, West Virginia. After leaving Hampden-Sidney, Mr. Converse was engaged in teaching for several years, and then took his Ph. D. in Hopkins, since which time he has been prominent in the educational life in Baltimore. He is said to be one of the very few men who have untangled the skein of Baltimore's street railway system.

Literary societies of the college have recently elected their junior orators for commencement. The Union Society will be represented by Mr. A. B. Brown, of Pittsylvania county, and Mr. E. C. Barr, of Roanoke. The representatives of the Philanthropic Society will be W. Dixon Foster, of Williamsburg, and Mr. L. Burke O'Neal, of Fayetteville, W. Va. This commencement season will be one of more than usual interest, in view of the exercises incident to the inauguration of President J. Gray McAllister. One of the chief addresses at commencement will be delivered by Professor William M. Thornton (class of 1889), dean of the department of applied mathematics of the University of Virginia.

Rare Pleasure.
Rare pleasure was given to the college community in the visit and addresses here last Sunday of the Rev. Y. K. Enakura, a native minister of Japan, and now a student in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. On Sunday afternoon, April 1st, Mr. Enakura spoke before the colored Sabbath school, conducted by the students of the college and their friends, and at night in the College Chapel delivered a splendid address on "The New Japan,"

CHAIRMAN KNAPP ON FREE PASSES

The Gift of a Pass or Free Ticket is Not Prohibited.

Chairman Knapp, of the Congressional Committee, in his report to Congress on the free transportation subject, made the following interesting statement:

The commission has heretofore inclined to the opinion that carriers might lawfully issue passes or free tickets, and that the transaction were an honest one, but the recent decision of the Supreme Court on the Chesapeake and Ohio case indicates doubt as to the legality of such an arrangement, because of the resulting departure from interstate passenger without charge, when other such passengers are required to pay, is undoubtedly a forbidden discrimination, and the commission has always so held. But the gift of a pass or free ticket by the carrier is not prohibited and does not constitute a violation of the act. To establish a punishable offense it would be necessary to prove that the pass was actually used for interstate travel, as was decided in the Huntington case some years ago. The commission has never had legal evidence of the facts required to be shown in such a case in order to sustain an indictment, and to obtain such evidence would involve the cost of a detective agency, which the commission has not felt called upon to employ for that purpose.

Official information has been received that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in New York, the result of the Huntington case some years ago, in the celebrated case of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad vs. M. K. Bitterman and other New Orleans ticket scalpers. The court held that the railroads are entitled to permanent injunction covering all future issues of non-transferable tickets.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, held in New York, the resignation of Jacob H. Schiff from the board was acted upon. It is suggested that as Baltimore stockholders and business interests have practically no representative on this board, it might be a good policy to select a local business man to take Mr. Schiff's place. In connection with this the name of Charles T. Crane, president of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank, is most frequently mentioned. The bank of which Mr. Crane is the head is known to be largely interested in Baltimore and Ohio affairs, and is thought to be a large holder of the stock of the company.

The Southern Railway has contracted for about 80 miles of additional double-tracking, in places south from Lynchburg and north from Chattanooga, at an approximate cost of \$5,000,000.

Judge Long in the Superior Court of North Carolina has handed down a decision in which he held that the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad by the State to the Atlantic and North Carolina Company is valid.

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BANK ORGANIZED IN LUNenburg COUNTY

Location of Institution Depends Upon Location of New Railroad Shops.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSTONE, VA., April 8.—The "Bank of Lunenburg" was organized here yesterday. The meeting took place in the Citizens' Bank building. The new bank is to be a branch of the Citizens' Bank, giving the new institution the benefit of the credit, support and confidence of the old bank. It will start with a capital of \$30,000, with the privilege of increasing to \$50,000. The Bank of Lunenburg will be located at Tinkling, in Lunenburg county, and will open for business on June 1st. Mr. Scott Irby, one of the assistants of the Citizens' Bank, will be cashier. Its permanent location will depend upon the situation of the shops of the Tidewater Railroad. Fifty-one percent of the capital of the new bank is to be owned by the Citizens' Bank. The remainder has already been subscribed to.

Following is a list of the directors: Messrs. George E. Smith, T. B. Bell, L. W. Bridgeforth, L. A. Hardy, William Heathcote, J. L. Yates, A. S. Bridgeforth, H. R. Bagby, W. L. Mann, M. Harris, H. H. G. E. Kennedy, Joseph M. Hunt, V. C. Lane, F. S. Munson and O. C. Snead.

At a meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: George E. Smith, president; Joseph M. Hunt, first vice-president; L. W. Bridgeforth, second vice-president; J. H. E. Seay, third vice-president; W. Scott Irby, cashier, and J. B. Bell, attorney.

Mr. Samuel Watson, of Tazewell, was elected a member of the board of directors to fill a vacancy. The affairs of the association were never more flourishing, its prospects brighter, nor could a wiser choice have been made in the selection of a president.

Three stables of race horses are coming here to train as soon as the weather opens up, and will remain here permanently. The track is to be put in the best condition at once, and a house built for the jockeys and other attendants. The work of enlarging the grand stand and other improvements will also soon be begun.

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